1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
22. Manipur	7	2	-	5	215.58	186.13
23. Meghalaya	9	1	3	5	1,130.87	884.31
24. Mizoram	25	7	-	18	4,068.62	2,543.63
25. Nagaland	26	4	-	22	5851.16	4,083.74
26. Orissa	26	7	1	18	4,427.96	3,522.81
27. Pondicherry	8	2	1	5	1,185.16	948.50
28. Punjab	16	4	1	11	2,276.35	1,794.12
29. Rajasthan	44	7	-	37	7,788.94	6,580.32
30. Sikkim	43	13	1	29	5,011.15	3,723.68
31. Tamil Nadu	52	19	-	33	8,486.53	6,222.70
32. Tripura	16	3	-	13	1,406.14	791.25
33. Uttar Pradesh	37	8	-	29	6,261.18	5,199.93
34. Uttaranchal	26	6	-	20	5,765.92	4,741.90
35. West Bengal	31	13	-	18	2,960.91	2,280.40
TOTAL :	904	285	10	609	140,778.42	109,977.04

Absorption of GTB employees in Oriental Bank of Commerce

*138. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees of the Global Trust Bank who have been absorbed in the Oriental Bank of Commerce;

(b) whether these employees have been debarred from the pensionary benefits whereas the employees of Oriental Bank of Commerce who were recruited even after the merger of G.T.B. in O.B.C. are entitled to this facility; and

(c) if so, what are the specific reasons for the discriminatory treatment to them and by when it would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of employees of Global Trust Bank (GTB) on the date of its merger i.e. 14.8.2004 with Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) were 1235 and all of them were absorbed in OBC as per the relevant provisions of the scheme.

(b) As per Regulations 3(4) and 4 of Oriental Bank of Commerce (Employees') Pension Regulations, 1995, the pension regulations are applicable to the employees who join the service of the Bank on or after the notified date *i.e.* 29.9.1995 and is optional for the employee who joins the bank at the age of 35 years or more on or after the notified date. The case of employees of the erstwhile GTB for an option to pension in lieu of Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

(c) Does not arise.

Irrigated agricultural Land

*139. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total non-cultivable land in the country, the average percentage of irrigated agricultural land all over the country, the total agricultural land and out of this total land under irrigation;

(b) the details of programme, with target to enhance this percentage;

(c) whether Government have decided to make nearly 90,000 hectares additional agricultural land irrigable by March, 2009;

(d) if so, the details thereof and how much expenditure would be incurred;

(e) whether any time-bound annual target has been fixed;

(f) whether any survey has been undertaken to find new sources of water for increasing irrigation potential; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?